

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"The Road to Emmaus" by He Qi

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026 • 8 a.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- Thank you for joining us for worship today at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. If you are new to the Cathedral, we invite you to fill out our welcome card. Welcome cards are available in the pews or text GUEST to 816-310-1888.
- If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher. Instructions to connect via Bluetooth are on the back table.
- Gendered restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered, accessible restroom is available at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256. Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine. *Thank you for your generosity.*



HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: Variations on *Noel Nouvelet*

Ste Duckett (b. 1979)

The Word of God

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* GLORIA

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All
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Acts 2:14a,36-41

Lector Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17 *read by alternating half verse*

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I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.

O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Lector If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeller Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary*

Intercessor God of constant love, be with us now in our times of uncertainty; hear and respond to our prayers as we say Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant creativity and persistence to your church and her leaders as it grapples with new ways to be community and finds new avenues and audiences for its message of hope.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Strengthen the commitment of leaders in our nation, and around the world, to make decisions that prioritize the well-being and sustenance of human life and wellness.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Help us to be the beacons of hope and agents of love to our neighbors and colleagues.
Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Strengthen our resolve to push forward policies that align with your vision of our communal life and our stewardship of the natural world.
Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Mend what is broken in our lives and in the world, heal what is sick, make whole what is fractured, bring peace where there is fear or acrimony; make our world whole. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and for those whom we now name silently or aloud.
Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Welcome the dying into your loving embrace, grant them growth in the knowledge and love of you; care for those who grieve, and welcome us in our turn into the new life promised through Christ. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
Lord in your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Your love for us is a magnificent gift, unearned and undeserved. Lead us to grow in our appreciation and help us to reflect that love into the world around us that we might work hand in hand in building the kingdom of God all around us with Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, now and always. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION PRAYER

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN: 199 "Come, ye faithful, raise the strain"

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.*

On the first Sunday of each month, prayer for healing is offered at the prayer desk until the close of worship.

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.
All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* THE BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

* CLOSING HYMN: 296 "We know that Christ is raised"

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has four lines of lyrics. The second staff has four lines. The third staff has three lines and includes a first ending bracket over the last three notes. The fourth staff is labeled 'Final Ending' and has two lines of lyrics.

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. _____
 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death. _____
 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life. _____
 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows _____

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold; _____
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life _____
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God. _____
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood. _____

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy. _____
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. _____ Al - le -
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One. _____
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: _____

Final Ending

lu - ia! _____ Al - le - lu - ia!

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VOLUNTARY: Trumpet Tune in F

Alice Jordan (1916-1912)

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. Dr. Richard Liantonio
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Chuck Ritter
Eucharistic Minister	Jennifer Mason
Usher	Deborah Carr, Greg Coffey
Altar Guild	Michelle Ritter, Jennifer Mason

Outreach

Learn more: kccathedral.org/outreach

Donations for our Partners

April

TOILETRY DRIVE

Body Wash
Hand/Body Lotion
Shampoo & Conditioner
Deodorant

• Regular size items
requested •



Bring your donations for the
Jewish Family Services pantry
to the basket in the Tower.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Emergency Food Assistance Program

Saturday, May 16, June 20 | 8 a.m.-noon

We help St. Paul's on Main organize and distribute food as part of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). St. Paul's receives delivery of several pallets of shelf-stable and frozen food from Harvesters each month. Friendly volunteers are needed to break down the pallets and repackage the food into family-sized boxes and bags. Then we open the doors to those in need and start handing out the food. To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or bwegener@kccathedral.org.

Help Pete's Garden

April 19, May 17 | 9:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Volunteer with fellow parishioners during coffee hour to put labels on the containers that will be used to package meals for families in need by Pete's Garden. We will label upstairs in Founders' Hall at both morning coffee hours. This is a great opportunity to help at Pete's Garden. All ages are welcome; younger children should have a parent present.

THE LYRIC DUO
Friday, May 15
7PM
Free Admission

**FROM COLONY TO CONCERT HALL:
250 YEARS OF AMERICAN MUSIC**
A Celebration of American Music Across the Centuries

This Week at GHTC

Learn more about our weekly services & opportunities for study and fellowship: kccathedral.org

Sunday, April 19

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Youth Formation
- 9:15 a.m. Label Containers for Pete's Garden
- 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist* & Cathedral Kids
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 12:15 p.m. Label Containers for Pete's Garden
- 5 p.m. Choral Evensong

Monday, April 20

- 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, April 21

- 7:30 a.m. Meeting: Finance Committee+
- 7:30 a.m. GHTC's Virtual Cafe+
- 12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study+
- 6:45 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study+

Wednesday, April 22

- 10 a.m. Staff Gathering
- 12 p.m. Noonday Prayer*
- 12 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
- 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal: Cathedral Bell Ringers

Thursday, April 23

- 6 p.m. Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Concert: Opus 76 Quartet
- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Friday, April 24

- 6 p.m. Bingo Game Night

Saturday, April 25

- 9 a.m. Spring Garden Workday

Sunday, April 26

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices
- 9:15 a.m. Youth Formation
- 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist* & Cathedral Kids
- 11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 12 p.m. Eucharistic Practices Workshop
- 12 p.m. Spring Garden Workday
- 5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist
- 6 p.m. Youth Group

+On Zoom *In person service streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

Cathedral Prayer List

To place a person on this prayer list, text PRAYER to (816) 310-1888 or email Deacon Barbara Wegener, bwegener@kccathedral.org.

View the prayer list anytime: kccathedral.org/prayers

Pray for: Vicki Price; Cheryl Kennedy; Penny Sullivan; Sheila Denton; Ann Ryder; Zachary Pierce; Diego Garcia; Zane Thomas Rhea Reed; Michael DeFeo; Hanah Kizer; Eva Blanco; Shandell Debroc; Norbert King; Heather; John Kennedy; Phil Carroll; Carmen Quintero; Eva Silva; Gail E.; Heather Stone; Dan McGrath; Pat Miller; Nancy Guthrie; Patricia Easter; Joe Marvil; Ken, Pam and Carly Courson; Osha Badeau; Terry and Marie Clements; Dane Griffith; Shana; Ken McCandless; Marcille McCandless; Ella; Brend; Mike Barzee & Family; Phineas Gitta; Those fighting chronic illness; Iris Parsons; Larry McMullen; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Jeffrey and family; Charlotte Colburn; Families affected by gun violence; First Responders; Immigrants

Pray for the Departed: Keith Matthews; Berthe Cowles; Military members killed in action; Lt Col Brandon Shah; Kathy Manning; Jane Frances Blando; Deputy Sheriff Michael Hislope; Deputy Sheriff Gabriel Rameriz; Jill Dominick; Bob Huheey; Kevin Sweeney; Bill Stancil; Alex Pretti; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri—The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, Bishop

Creation Care Ministry

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please contact the Cathedral office (jtoma@kccathedral.org) if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary.

April 19

Wyatt Dutton

April 20

Toni Bennett
Frances Obiesie
David Greenwald

April 22

John Plunkett
Bill Kretsinger

April 23

Linda Oliver
Anthony Janky
Abbey Mosley

April 24

Bill & Marsha Beggs

Formation for All Ages

Adults: Sundays

9:15 a.m. • Common Room

Episcopal Beliefs & Practices: A Study of the Prayer Book

Through a weekly study of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer we will explore the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church. If you are curious about the Anglican way of Christianity, want to better understand familiar prayers and liturgies, or are seeking to engage more deeply in Christian practice and theology then this course is for you! No preparation needed, prayer books will be provided in class.

Children: Sundays

10:30 a.m. • Haden Hall

Cathedral Kids

Cathedral Kids meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service and during this time we weave together our sacred stories and our Episcopal identity with the Weaving God's Promises curriculum. Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.

Once a month, we observe **Family Worship Sundays**. These Sundays provide an opportunity for families to worship together. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in cabinet in the back cross aisle.

Upcoming Family Worship: May 3, June 14, July 5, August 2

Youth

Youth in grades 6-12 meet Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for Formation. Youth Group meetings are at 6 p.m. Sundays, April 12 & 26, May 10 & 24

Diocesan Youth Events: Registration links at kccathedral.org/youth

Episcopal Summer Mega Camp:

May 31-June 6

Ready for a week full of fun activities, meaningful connections, and worship? Then sign up for Episcopal Summer Mega Camp; a week-long summer experience for 3rd-12th graders.

Adults: Tuesdays

GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m. • Zoom

The Virtual Café is open every Tuesday morning for Cathedral members and friends to connect; discuss current topics and activities happening at the Cathedral and in our community; and share what's on your mind.

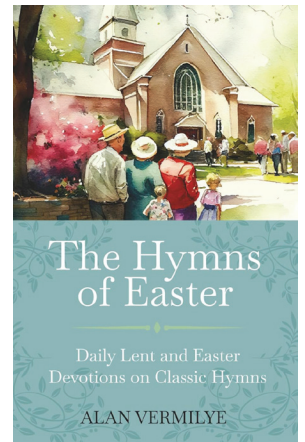
For details, visit kccathedral.org/other-activities.

Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m. • Zoom

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit our website, kccathedral.org/adultformation, for the Zoom link.

On April 7 WBS will begin an Easter devotional, *The Hymns of Easter* by Alan Vermilye. *The Hymns of Easter* is a devotional inspired by some of history's most cherished Easter hymns.

Experience a fresh perspective on the hymns you've sung your whole life now set to personal reflections in this 40-day devotional journey. Each week, you begin by reading the history of the hymn, followed by daily readings that reflect on a verse from the hymn along with Scripture and a devotion.



Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m. • Zoom

Join us for a discussion of context which will, with God's grace, lead us to a discussion of how an understanding of scripture can restore us to fullness with God and each other in Christ. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or on our website, kccathedral.org/adultformation, for more details.

Join Us in Making a Difference: Volunteer

You are invited to use your skills and spirit to make a real impact. Whether you have a few hours or want to dive into regularly serving, there are many ways to help: serving in worship services, teaching/helping with children & youth programs, assisting with the Cathedral gardens, singing in the choir and more. Volunteering lets you give back, connect with others, and grow in faith.

For more information, visit kccathedral.org/volunteer or contact Volunteer Coordinator Joan Bergstrom at volunteers@kccathedral.org.

Immediate Ways to Get Involved

- **Holy Hands 1st Sunday & 5th Sunday:** We have no one on these teams to provide coffee hour treats.
- **Ushers** for 10:30 & special services
- **Acolytes** for 10:30 & special services
- **Lectors** for 8 a.m. & 5 p.m. services
- **Oblation Bearers** at 10:30 services



Choral Evensong

music, prayer, scripture

Today | 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 17 | 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong is a centuries-old Anglican musical service of sung Evening Prayer that combines music, prayer, and scripture into a contemplative experience. The Trinity Choir sings composed settings of the psalms, responses, and canticles, providing a peaceful and reflective pause as the day closes.

Following the service, all are welcome to take communion in the Chapel.

Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. They are also a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart. Donations toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone and are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site.

For more information: kccathedral.org/flowers or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.



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Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

From Despair to Conviction

"Road to Emmaus" Illumination (Luke 24:13-35)

Today's lectionary texts call our attention to encounters with the risen Christ in the ordinary and mundane activities of life. In Luke 24, the resurrected Christ is revealed through a combination of hospitality, scripture reading, and the "breaking of bread" – indicating the liturgical nature of this passage. The resulting "enlightenment" transforms the two traveling companions' dispositions from that of devastating loss into recognized presence, despair into joy, and disillusionment into hope. Their walk from Jerusalem to Emmaus begins in confusion ("we were hoping") and moves first to genuine belief ("their eyes were opened") and finally to proclamation ("they told what had happened").

The "Road to Emmaus" illumination portrays today's Gospel reading as the primal story of the new community that soon afterward would be revealed more completely in the Book of Acts as the church. Here we observe two disciples listening and gazing up at Jesus in a manner similar to Mary and Martha in the "Luke Anthology" illumination (Saint John's Bible, Luke 15). Their attitude is reminiscent of Mary and Martha's outlook in the raising of Lazarus narrative (John 11:1-57). The tree on the left side of the portrayal is suggestive of the tree of life (which is also found in the "Resurrection" illumination of John 20). Among other things it represents the Garden on the Mount of Olives where the events of Jesus' passion begin (recounted by the two companions as they walk with Jesus). The portrayal also includes two images of Jesus – the first as an unrecognizable stranger, sequenced by the breaking of bread and the shadow of the cross, and concluded by the image of the resurrected Christ illumined in gold. The filaments of gold woven throughout the depiction indicate God's presence in all of these events and culminate with the birth of the church.

In this illumination we note that the road to Emmaus is one of brokenness and failure (note the dark and foreboding images in the center section). Yet, this is also a sacred pathway leading to nourishment and revelation (study the golden upper section). This reminds us that Jesus is not necessarily who we might think he is, nor is he necessarily who we might want him to be. On the Emmaus Road Jesus may appear as a stranger whom we do not recognize at all. But then, the stranger reveals to us things that we are missing and opens our minds to comprehend a larger picture of what is taking place. This enables us to perceive a narrative big enough to encompass our sense of defeat, failure, and disappointment without being destroyed by it.

Things in your life may be very different right now than you had hoped they would be. Do you find anything in this illumination that speaks to you of the Savior who meets us on our own lonely road to Emmaus? Can you discover here the one who shows up as a guest, who then becomes the host, and ultimately is revealed as the one who nourishes as Presence, Word, and Bread?



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BINGO GAME NIGHT

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24
6 P.M.**

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**Bingo Game Night
April 24 | 6 p.m.**
Gather your family, friends, and fellow game enthusiasts for an evening of thrilling games, fabulous fellowship, and unforgettable memories. Bring a snack and/or drink to share and join in the fun. Sign up on our website.

MAY 3

Graduate RECOGNITION

We celebrate all graduates as part of our Youth Sunday celebration during the May 3 10:30 a.m. service.

If you or a family member is graduating this year, let us know by Monday, April 27.

Submit names at kccathedral.org/events.

**Graduate Recognition
May 3 | 10:30 a.m.**
We celebrate all graduates as part of our Youth Sunday celebration. If you or a family member is graduating this year, submit their name by Monday, April 27. Graduates will be recognized during the 10:30 a.m. service. Submit name at kccathedral.org/events

Saturday, April 25
starting at 9 a.m.

Sunday, April 26
starting at 12:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY, MAY 17 • 11:45 A.M.

NEWCOMER GATHERING

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EUCCHARISTIC PRACTICES

Sunday, April 26 • 12 p.m. • Nave

Walking through several elements of the Eucharist, we will experiment with devotional practices for deeper engagement in the liturgy. Any who desire to feel more proficient and at ease in worship are invited to join us, both newcomers and long-term members alike.

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PARISH PICNIC

RELAX AND ENJOY TIME WITH FELLOW PARISHIONERS!

- Main dish provided
- Bring side and/or dessert to share

May 24 | 11:45 a.m.

Games and Activities for All Ages
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**Parish Picnic
May 24 | 11:45 a.m.**
Join us for our annual Parish Picnic. The Cathedral serves up the main feast, and you're invited to dazzle us with your finest sides and sweetest desserts. We'll have fun activities for kids of all ages. Dress casually and enjoy this time of fun and fellowship!